

September 14, 2012

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition for Conversion to Price Cap Regulation;  
WC Docket No. 12-71: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, September 12, 2012, Michael Skrivan of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and I met with Julie Veach, Victoria Goldberg, Deena Shetler, Pam Arluk, Travis Litman, Randolph Clarke, Nicholas Alexander, Doug Slotten, and Christopher Kove of the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau, to urge prompt action on the above-captioned petition by the FairPoint Petitioning LECs for limited relief to convert their special access services to price cap regulation.

FairPoint discussed the status of the petition, noting there has been no activity in the docket other than supporting comments; summarized the proposed conversion as detailed in the petition and FairPoint's reply comments (filed May 17, 2012); emphasized the public interest benefits expected from the conversion; identified the required waivers; and requested grant of the petition by the end of September to facilitate the necessary filings by FairPoint in December.

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Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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